

Y-12 Employees' Society Softball League

CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Y-12 Employees' Society Softball League (YSL).

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

Section 1. To provide an inter-Company recreational slow pitch softball league for those who engage in the sport solely for the pleasure and the physical, mental, and social benefits derived therefrom.

ARTICLE III - ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. Only DOE employees (present or retired), DOE contractor employees (present or retired), and their spouses are eligible to participate. All non-Y-12 Employees' Society (YES) players must pay a YES sports and activity fee of \$10, which is good for all YES sports for the year.

Section 2. All players must have a signed release form with the Commissioner prior to participating.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. Team Managers

Section 2. The YES Sports Committee chairperson or their designate will act as Director and Commissioner of the YSL.

Section 3. The YES Treasurer will serve as YSL Treasurer.

ARTICLE V - CLUB PERSONNEL

Section 1. A team roster with players' name and signature must be submitted to the YSL by the designated date. Thereafter, new additions to teams must be received by the Commissioner in writing prior to the new player's participation. All rosters will be frozen after June 30.

Section 2. A copy of your team roster and a check for \$275 must be submitted to the YSL Treasurer by the designated date. No entries will be accepted after the deadline. No entries will be accepted without payment.

Section 3. When bad weather conditions exist, which might force the cancellation of scheduled games, each team manager is responsible for contacting the Commissioner to get the official notice of cancellation, if there is one. The team

manager should not call until after 3:00 p.m. on the day your game is scheduled, as decisions will usually be made about this time. Postponed games will be rescheduled at the discretion of the Commissioner. The phone number of the Commissioner is 574-3624. Clark Center Park phone number is 576-5187.

ARTICLE VI - RULES

- Section 1.** The YSL will have a Co-Ed Division and an Open Division. All rules apply to both divisions, except where noted. All games will be played at the Clark Center Recreation Park fields as scheduled. Games will be started at 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. All team should be prepared to begin play at the schedule time. There is no grace period.
- Section 2.** No inning shall be started after one (1) hour of playing time has elapsed, except in case of a tie score which shall be played out.
- Section 3.** All games shall consist of seven (7) innings or one (1) hour, whichever occurs first. Teams must have eight (8) players to start or continue a game. Teams which fail to field at least eight (8) players by scheduled game time will forfeit to the opposing team. Any team forfeiting two (2) games will be dropped from the league.
- Section 4.** No metal spikes or cleats are permitted at any position. "Double-walled" bats will not be permitted.
- Section 5.** Each team must furnish one new ball per game. The ball must be a 12", red-stitched, top-grade softball of any manufacturer and have a maximum .47 cor.
- Section 5.** A PLAYER WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE ON ONLY ONE TEAM IN EACH DIVISION.
- Section 6.** PLAYERS OR MANAGERS OF TEAMS IN THIS LEAGUE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OFFICIATE IN THE LEAGUE.

ARTICLE VII - PLAYING RULES

- Section 1.** American Softball Association (ASA) rules for adult slow pitch softball will be followed except as noted in this article.
- Section 2.** All players must wear shirt and shoes. Uniforms are not required. It is suggested that teams wear similar shirts or the same color shirts.
- Section 3.** Teams are required to have at least three (3) players of each gender in the line-up at all times during a game. Teams must have two (2) players of the minority gender to start or continue a game. An automatic out will occur when a team has only two players of the minority gender.
- Section 4.** Teams will not be required to alternate the sexes in the batting order. Any player of any gender can bat in any position in the order.
- Section 5.** The ball is dead. Only if a male batter preceding a female batter is walked, the female batter has a choice of walking or hitting, up until the time she steps into the batters' box.

- Section 6.** **EXTRA PLAYER** - An extra player, referred to as an "EP" is optional, but if one is used, it must be made known prior to the start of the game and be listed on the scoring sheet in the regular batting order. If the EP is used, he or she must be used the entire game. Failure to complete the game with the EP results in an automatic out.
1. The EP can only be used when ten (10) defense positions are filled.
 2. The EP must remain in the same position in the batting order for the game.
 3. If an EP is used, all eleven (11) must bat and a minimum of three (3) females must play defense. Defense positions can be changed, but the batting order must remain the same. (The EP can be male or female.)
 4. The EP may be substituted for at any time. The substitute must be a player who has not yet been in the game. The starting EP can re-enter.
- Section 7.** **Automatic Out** occurs in these situations:
1. When a team has less than three (3) players of one gender.
 2. When a team fails to complete the game with the EP.
- Section 8.** **Open League** – This league is exempt from ARTICLE VII, Sections 3, 4, 5 and 7.1

ARTICLE VIII - AWARDS

- Section 1.** In the event of a tie for 1st place, a champion will be decided by this tiebreaker:
- a. Head to Head;
 - b. Best record against top five teams in your division;
- If teams are still tied after using the tiebreaker, a one-game playoff will decide the champion.

ARTICLE IX - PROTESTS

- Section 1.** There shall be no protest allowed except in cases of
- (1) Eligibility;
 - (2) Interpretation of rules by the umpires.
- Section 2.** All protests must be made during that game and must be submitted in writing to the Commissioner no later than 24 hours following the particular game protested.

ARTICLE X - CONDUCT

- Section 1.** Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on park premises. No player will be allowed to participate in league games while under the influence of alcoholic beverages.

- Section 2.** The umpire shall forfeit any game in which a player strikes or abuses a player or game official, and said player shall be barred from all sponsored league activities for a minimum of one year, with the length of disbarment depending upon the severity of the incident. Such player or players will not be permitted to practice with his team or occupy a seat on this team's bench during this period of disbarment. In some cases, it may be necessary to bar an entire team for periods as stated above.
- Section 3.** The scorekeeper will report all incidents in full detail, which are not in compliance with these rules the following morning of occurrence. Any manager or player using profane language will be ejected from the game and must leave the park.
- Section 4.** Only the team managers can dispute umpire rulings during the game. The name of the team manager will be given to the scorekeeper, along with the line up, prior to the game.

NOTICE: IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PARTICIPANT IN THE SOFTBALL PROGRAM TO ABIDE BY THE YSL BYLAWS AND PARK REGULATIONS